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1. THERE ARE TWO ASPECTS OF THE RESOURCES PORTION OF
MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE:

A. THE FIRST IS THAT WHICH IS ADDRESSED TO COUNTRIES
AND IS HORTATORY. WHILE MAINTENANCE OF EXPENDITURE LEVEL
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IN REAL TERMS HAS SOME SUPPORT IN DRC, THIS LEVEL WOULD

PROBABLY NOT PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE MODERNIZATION BECAUSE THE COST OF NEW WEAPONS GREATLY EXCEEDS THE COST OF SYSTEMS BEING REPLACED. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CURRENT FORCE STRUCTURE WITH SOME MODERNIZATION, THE HORTATORY LANGUAGE FOR COUNTRIES SHOULD READ ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY MISSION (PARA 4 REFTTEL) CALLING FOR A "MODEST ANNUAL INCREASE IN REAL TERMS ON THE ORDER OF 3 TO 5 PERCENT PER YEAR." THIS LANGUAGE, IF ADOPTED, WOULD FURNISH BENCHMARK AGAINST WHICH DRC, DPC AND MINISTERS WOULD REVIEW NATIONAL FINANCIAL EFFORT DURING FALL REVIEW OF FORCE PLANS. WE RECOGNIZE US DEFENSE BUDGET IS UNDER PRESSURE AND MAY NOT ACHIEVE THIS GOAL OVER THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD WHEN CONSIDERING TOTAL DEFENSE

EXPENDITURES; HOWEVER, US CONTINUES TO IMPROVE ITS NATO FORCES AND IS INCREASING THE SIZE OF ITS COMBAT FORCES THROUGH GREATER EFFICIENCY; IN POSTURE STATEMENT WE ARE ALSO ASKING CONGRESS FOR A 4 PERCENT ANNUAL REAL INCREASE IN MAJOR PROCUREMENT, 2 PERCENT REAL ACROSS THE BOARD.

B. THE SECOND ASPECT OF RESOURCE GUIDANCE IS THAT WHICH SPECIFIES LIMITS OR A CEILING AGAINST WHICH THE NMA'S DRAW UP FORCE PROPOSALS, WITH APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE TO BE INSERTED IN THE "DIRECTIVE" SECTION OF GUIDANCE.

2. WE THINK MISSION LANGUAGE FOR DIRECTIVE PORTION OF GUIDANCE (USNATO 1242, SECTION B) MEETS SITUATION EXACTLY. WETHINK FORCE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE RELATED TO COUNTRY FINANCIAL PLANNING AND SHOULD TAKE COGNIZANCE OF ONGOING NATIONAL PROGRAMS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT NATIONS WOULD NEED TO INFORM NATO OF THEIR PLANNED LEVEL OF EFFORT AND THAT FORCE PROPOSALS USING THIS APPROACH WOULD REPRESENT A MUCH CLOSER COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND NMA'S.

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